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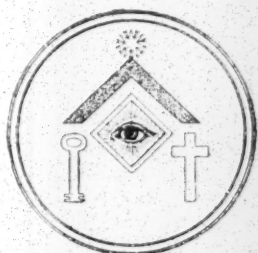
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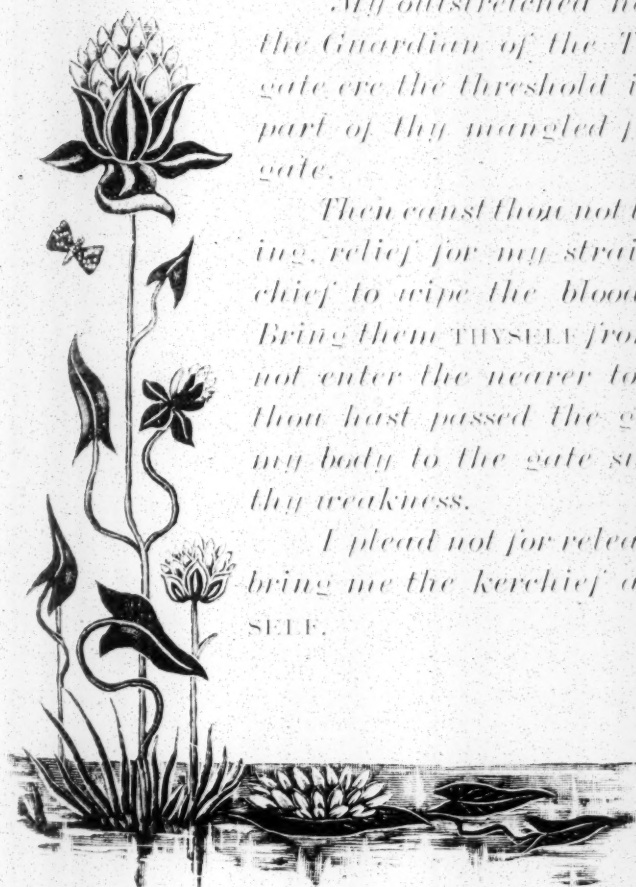
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Look! my beloved, I stand at the gate and wait. Wait, while my knees bend low, my back bows down 'neath the weight of the heavy latch I must bear, lest over-weariness come upon me, the gate swing shut, the latch fall into place, and thus shut out for aye some wayworn child who through my entreaties has entered the path that leads to the mount of transfiguration.

My outstretched hands must needs fend off the Guardian of the Threshold lest he close the gate ere the threshold is cleared and leave but a part of thy mangled form on either side of the gate.

Then canst thou not bring me oil for my anointing, relief for my straining muscles and a kerchief to wipe the bloody sweat from my face? Bring them THYSELF from the farther land. I may not enter the nearer to ease mine own self till thou hast passed the gate, for thou hast bound my body to the gate supports by the network of thy weakness.

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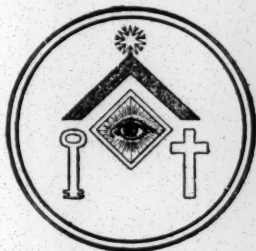
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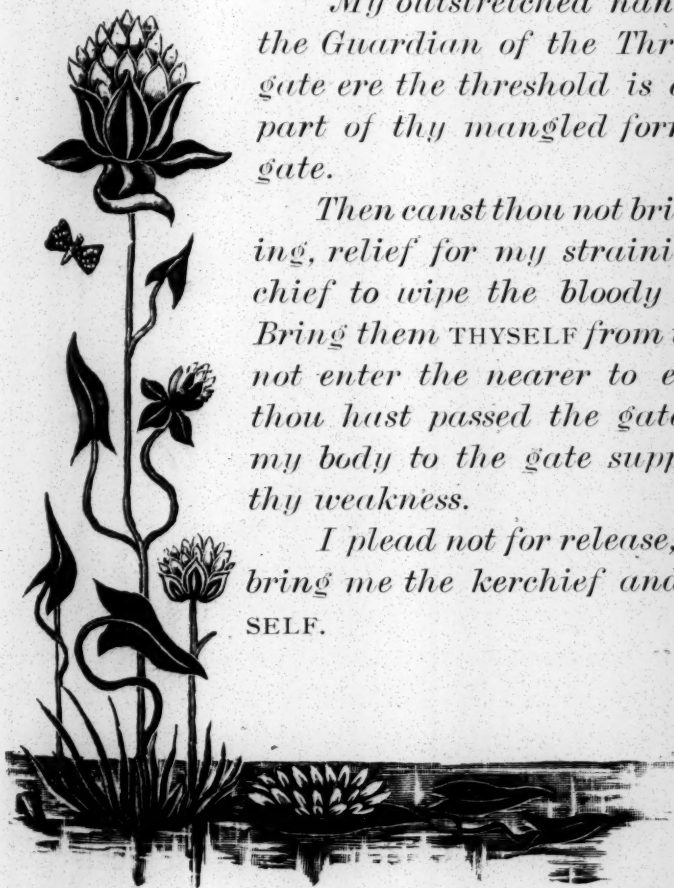
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GOD AND THE DEVIL.

TEMPLE TEACHINGS. OPEN SERIES NO. LXXXVII.

Man uses his much vaunted reason to little effect when he throws over with one fell blow the cherished religious ideals and beliefs of preceding races and ages and of the earlier years of his present racial cycle.

As a rule he is entirely unconscious of the loss sustained when he casts down his former ideal, together with his belief in Heaven and Hell, in God and the Devil, in cursing and blessing, beliefs founded on varied expositions of the sacred books and on ancient myths and traditions, without an effort to seek out their basic source or interpret their mysteries.

With the increasing flood of new literature and retranslation of old which now sweeps over the world corroborating the false ideas of a thinker and reader who has for some apparently valid reason come to believe that former ideas and ideals were false or incomprehensible, there comes an almost overwhelming impulse to throw them all aside; and, as otherwise it seems to spell perfect shipwreck of all hope, he seizes upon any plank of modern Science that is within his reach which appears capable of bearing his weight,—his doubts and fears,—instead of making a strong effort to hold the more modern theories and ideas on the surface of his mind tentatively while he searches for the clews which when found would prove beyond question that ancient and modern ideas and ideals had a common basis and a common end.

There is the same foundation for a belief in a Heaven and Hell, a devil and an angel in modern expositions of universal law, and in the scientific hypotheses of the action of cosmic forces in the creation of matter and its ultimate destiny—these forces which underlie every phase of material phenomena—as there ever was in what are termed the dark ages.

It is a bold speaker as well as an agnostic thinker who is willing to stand forth in the present age and deny statements of the Initiates as to the existence of at least three planes of consciousness,—states of existence;—or that the individual lives germain to any one of those states have not many features in common with the lives of the other states.

When one considers how near the loudly claimed conditions of heaven and hell are attainable by the great majority of the people of earth; how many devilish and angelic characters the daily papers of a great metropolis bring to notice, the logical con-

clusion is that the forces active in each one of the said characters must have had some localized previous manifestation as well as a necessary future expression. Even if the energy so operating be only embodied in some degree of force it is plain that there must be some place, some state, where each such force or form of energy has its natural habitat; its original field of action; and wherever that is, by whatever name it is called, there will be a heaven, or hell, the dwelling place of an angel or devil. As like seeks like in all fields of action, the individuals in whom those forces are peculiarly active must necessarily find themselves in rapport with others of like nature and in homogeneous states of consciousness. Once predicate the indestructibility of Matter and the destruction of Consciousness is almost unthinkable.

As life is motion per se, and all motion must have some starting point, some impulse, some form of energy which sets in motion the thing or object moved, and as every central point, every sun, moon or star under observation in the heavens, is apparently subject to the motion set up by some such form of energy, it follows that there must be one central point where that energy is generated or stored. Whether you call the author, the generator of that energy, God—good, or the devil,—evil, depends upon your present viewpoint, but the fact remains that *It is*, and that every phase and expression of life is dependant upon it.

Under the name of the Great Breath this source of energy has been revered and worshipped by the greatest intellects, the most spiritual teachers of all Time.

With every inbreathing and outbreathing by or from the spiritual source of all life, there rises and falls in perfect rhythm and time (according to the plane of manifestation, the size and weight of each form of differentiated matter), the manifesting point, the heart of every cell, whether it be the heart of a sun, planet or germ, and whether it be a material, mental, or spiritual body.

The rising and falling of the tides, the fluctuations of the earth's crust, the atmospheric changes, the changes in the physical body of man, and every movement of every thing and creature are all due to the rising and falling of the Great Breath; and, as even modern science concedes the fact that all forms of life are but different rates of vibration of one phase or state of energy commonly termed Ether, and all vibrations are different modifications of motion per se, the Great Breath, we may accept the ancient teaching without allowing much room for controversy.

Once postulate intelligence and will as the guiding forces be-

hind or within the Great Breath, and a God, in the highest sense of the word becomes an indisputable fact. Grant a plane of operations, which must of necessity be a harmonious centre where all acting forms of force and energy are in perfect accord, where all power is centred, and surely the condition usually termed Heaven does not appear to be a very far fetched idea. Reverse the action of these constituents of Heaven, consider the negative action of all the positive forces according to the well known scientific postulate that there can be no manifestation of a positive pole of energy without the manifestation of its antitheses, the negative pole, and in that negative aspect of Heaven you have all the constituents of a state or plane of discord, the effect of the action of anti-constructive, constrictive, rebellious forces; and the central point, the nucleus or heart of all this negative action and reaction, the legendary devil and Hell, appear to be corollary realities, whatever terms we may use to express realities so designated.


With the outbreathing of the Great Breath everything in bond of form must swell, and consequent to the swelling, when its last degree of resistance is reached, that form, whether it be sun, planet or seed-pod, must burst and scatter its fragments afar, each fragment a lesser centre, drifts into the fields of space, and new planets, new stars, new vegetation, new lives are formed. But before this bursting point is reached, say in the life of a planet, for instance, it has gathered its forces and swollen many times, its crust is covered with great cracks and crevices, the effects of former breaks, sometimes becoming reservoirs for big rivers, lakes, etc., and the waves of human and animal life-force upon its surface, once transferred from other centres, other planets, other fragments, rise and fall with the life tides of the Great Breath. Races are born and die and are born again. Exactly the same phenomena occur under other variations of law, other conditions, made by increased vibrations of the homogeneous substance, Ether, to which have been given the terms Astral, Soul and Spiritual life and even in those interior aspects of life we can imagine similar operations of the one Great Breath causing more ethereal combustion and resulting in expansion and explosions. The same great life wave breaks on the shores of every form of substance in vibration, with the same effect in every case. The era of duration, the cyclic gathering, swelling, and bursting of its separate forms of life and their transfer to other fields of activity occur just as methodically, as purposefully and as surely on what are termed the interior, or Astral, Soul and Spiritual planes as upon the phy-

sical plane, and must occur, until the operation of the Great Breath ceases and the generator of the breath ceases to act; or as is related in the stanzas of Dzyan, "The Eternal Parent, wrapped in Her Ever-Invisible Robes, has slumbered again for seven Eternities."

The action of the moon on the ocean tides has long been an accepted fact, but the fact of a similar action by every sun and star or planet on all other life tides, even the blood streams of men and animals, within their individual sphere of action is not so well established, nor is the fact that it is the central nucleus or cell of any one planet instead of the body as a whole that exerts whatever degree of force is necessary to affect the tides of water or life force on any other planet, and that all are subject to the central nucleus of the central sun around which all suns and planets alike, revolve.

In other words, from the universal point of operation, the home of the generator of the Great Breath, is sent forth the impulse which acts at one and the same time on every centre of manifested life, whatever its nature.

These centres constitute "the harp of a thousand strings" whereon the fingers of God—the Cosmic Energies—are eternally playing the great life symphony. As the breath sweeps over those strings, as their tones rise and fall, suns and planets are born and die, to live again, as man is born, dies and lives again.

H.—

THE CONSTRUCTIVE FORCES OF THE TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE.

Exactly on the same geometrical pattern, and in corresponding periods of time, and definite degrees of energy and force, humanity, en masse, must rise to a corresponding height to that from which it fell at the close of the last great world period.

Every dropped stitch in the evolutionary web of one manvantara of human life must be picked up and fastened, or the place of cleavage would enlarge until the whole web became a mass of tangled broken threads.

One essential point in one decree of Divine law is being continually overlooked, and the gaping wounds in the bodies, religious, political and social of this age are the results of the lost or wasted opportunities of a previous civilization.

The efforts of mankind to leap over those now festering wounds at a bound, leaving them to the destructive forces of nature, permit

the whole body to become infected with the virus of deadly disease.

The law of gravitation controls both the ascent and descent of a body, but it is according to the weight and elasticity of the body, whether or not its ascent can be accomplished in the same period of time as was consumed in its descent,—though it must cover exactly the same length and breadth of space, in its ascent as in its descent.

The same law governs the rise and fall of nations, races, families, as well as organizations; but it is according to its weight, its density, and interior power of overcoming inertia, as to whether or not either one can rise in a like period of time to that consumed in its fall.

Until a center has become strong enough to repel invaders, through its own innate power by the exercise of the force of repulsion, it will attract bodies of a similar size, though of different densities—different calibres, and then commence the struggle for supremacy.

If the invading body is weighty and elastic enough to crush the central cell of the invaded body, when they meet, both bodies will crash and destroy each other, by the power of momentum.

If the central cell is weighty and elastic enough to sustain itself in *poise*, there issues from it a repelling force that will keep all invaders at a sufficient distance from its auric envelope to prevent the extraneous bodies from reaching its real center of operations.

This is equally true of the planetary bodies, of every physical body, and organization of people karmically drawn together around a common center.

Humanity has been much slower in appreciating the vital cause of hindrance in its long struggle to reach the heights to which it aspires, than it has in appreciating the fact that it was surely in process of rising from the depths of the morass of evil into which it sank in the closing years of the last manvantara.

The Soul's memory of its former high estate has been sufficient to furnish the dynamic energy for the first necessary expulsive, and ascending effort; but, as has so repeatedly occurred in the case of man, lower desire runs away with Reason and Intuition, and tries to force him upward, in the scale of evolution, by leaps and bounds,—while the truth is that the energy exhausted by any such leap and bound, stays his progress at the step so reached, until sufficient energy is generated to take him a step further; and in that interval, the masses of mankind, he had left behind in that

supreme effort, have reached a position similar to that attained by him, by steady normal growth, and reached it minus the weakening strain imposed upon some parts of his nature by the extra effort to pass others in the race.

Man cannot outstrip the laws of his being, and every effort at so doing causes him to retrace his steps, and as it were, to stop and pick up these stitches in his part of the web of life, that he had inadvertently dropped.

No amount of reasoning will prevail with the majority of the human race to prevent their making such mistakes, because they will not control the lower desire principle which drives them on as with a whiplash into unwise disastrous effort.

An earnest study of the laws of Being would show the futility of trying to build a body of any character by any other method of formation than that used by nature.

A single cell is the foundation and generator of all the constructive life forces that will enter into the building of any organic body, whatever may be the purposes and functions of all subsequently evolved cells, and however important any one set of cells may be to the good and well-being of the mass as a whole.

If the central cell is cut off or cannot function properly, because of some obstruction placed in its way by other cells, the body en masse must fall apart by its own weight, for the cohesive power rests primarily in the central cell.

Every word I have spoken is peculiarly applicable to The Temple of the People. The Initiates of the White Lodge make no mistakes in placing the central cells of any of its organic bodies, for they form those bodies in accordance with evolutionary and Karmic law, of which they are administrators; and every failure of such a body to fulfill its divine mission is due to the cause above noted, lower desire outstripping Reason and Law in the individual cells—or members—of the body and killing out or incapacitating the central cell,—in other words, unwillingness to wait for the law to take its course and eliminate any self-seeking, or rebellious central cell by the right means, which that law would invariably do if left to take its course.

As a rule, people have but little knowledge of the tremendous power of elimination aroused in an organic body, where an obstructing force is introduced, or some individual is in the wrong; and therefore fail to see the needlessness, as well as the inevitable result, of precipitate action by any single individual or group.

In nine cases out of ten, the consequent anguish and suffering,

as a result of broken law by a limited number, or individual, must fall upon the innocent; and thus, a new Karmic debt is created, the payment of which will be to disintegrate the body of which the lawbreaker is a part if the latter be not eliminated.

I have advised and directed the formation of every main feature of the Temple of the People, and I call your attention to the above mentioned action of the Universal Law, that you may be enabled to stand, when countless other organic bodies will fall,—as you can do if you can keep in mind and act upon the directions I have given you.

If you can always remember that the breaking of the law of discipleship, by any one of your number, is a danger signal to you individually, which calls for right and immediate action on your part, you will be able to build a body which will stand the strain of the coming pull of forces, without being torn apart.

The defection of one member should sound the rallying-cry for the rest, to battle for the preservation of the whole.

Man always gets what he demands, and the demand is made by his own obedience to Divine law; and in no other way can he obtain satisfaction of demand, but his motive for the demand determines its final result.

There is a place, an opportunity, a certainty for every faithful disciple in the Temple of the People. He may have to win that place through his own heart's laceration—but win it he will—if he is faithful to his trust.

Having won it, he must be prepared to hold it at all costs, and the costs are generally heavy, for no man ever rose above his fellow men, without arousing the emissaries of the Black Lodge to action through his erstwhile companions:

This is due to the inevitable effect of the action of the law of Balance, which works for the proving of the tool it has created and raised to the proving point. Having won his place, man must prove his right to hold it against all comers who would rob him of it.

I have scarcely ceased from telling you, during the last decade, that your right to the protection and help of the White Lodge, and what is of much more importance, the possibility of preparing, as it were, for the coming central figure of a new humanity, rested upon implicit obedience to the laws laid down, and not upon the action of any personality.

We can easily displace one or a dozen disciples from positions which have been usurped or misused; but we cannot form the

Guardian Wall for that Great Center, the coming Aviator, without the suitable, steadfast, coherent stones (disciples) with which to build it; and without that Wall no such Center can maintain individual form and carry out a divine purpose while in that form, for any length of time on the physical plane.


Never let anyone persuade you that a single point of the six-pointed star, which symbolizes the Temple of the People, can be broken down, and the body of the star still be held intact by you.

It is possible, humanly speaking, that the representative of some one point may be removed by death or otherwise, and some other disciple moved up to sustain the same point, but the latter action can only be taken by us who are building the form,—and taken in no uncertain way.

What I have said in relation to form applies just as certainly to the new political parties forming in every government in the world as it does to the Temple of the People.

With all the basic truths of Socialism, it can never come into full power in any nation until the central cell—the nucleus—the right man takes his rightful position, among his fellows, with six adherants, equally rightly placed.

The Divine law governing construction of form will nullify every effort, until that hour strikes, and the rebellious,—the anarchistic leaders of the minority, who are always in opposition to that law, will bring into effect that which must inevitably follow upon the manifesting of such a man, i. e., division of interests; and thereby will set in action the forces which will bring success or failure to the body as a whole, and in either case great suffering to the world, which will last until the law has eliminated the destructive forces or has changed them into constructive forces, and the government of the Nation is carried on by those who recognize the Father—Motherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

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EDITORIAL MIRROR.

The Temple Wheel of Light!

What use am I now making of my soul? that is the question. Put it to yourself at every turn and ask—How goes it with that part of me, known as the governing Inner Self? Whose soul have I now? the child's? the lad's? the woman's? the tyrant's? the cattle's or the beast's? *** Repeat impressions, and your understanding will assimilate itself to them; for the soul takes the dye of its impressions.—*Marcus Aurelius*.

The tenth annual convention is still operative in its inner and outer effects, disseminating the holy forces generated and set into action. Never was the Temple aura in a purer, more serene condition, and the new cycle opening is bright with promise.

On an inner plane the Great Book of Record has been opened with clean pages and what Templars and chelas and disciples do from henceforth will determine the characters to be written on those Pages of Whiteness.

The TRUE must always have its imitations which are the shadows of the Light. And so with the Temple of the People, which is a movement under the direct control and influence of the Masters of the White Lodge. Since its birth on this plane ten years ago, more than one has entered the ranks and fired by ambition and other motives, has gone out and attempted to form another organization by filching a following from the Temple; also using the Teachings *verbatim* or in some modified form as their own. Thus have grown up some misshapen and illegitimate "Orders" of this, that or the other Thing.

These *pseudo* orders attempt foolishly to imitate the Temple plan of organization, often using the same terminology as if that would make their falsities genuine. The Masters however can always protect their own plans and these imitators have no con-

cept of the real plan of Lodge Degrees nor the Forces belonging to each. The little that has been put forth through the Temple so far as organization of Degrees is concerned is purely tentative and probationary and the very fact that there have arisen those who have shown it is possible to abuse apparent knowledge put into their minds is sufficient evidence that the real plan of the Great Lodge has never been revealed to such. The real plan will only be revealed to the real ones, those who would be incapable of treachery and misuse of knowledge and power gained.



Here is where so many misjudge the Temple work, judging it by the masks—personalities—the Masters must wear or use in order to sift and *sift*—until the real nucleus is ready for action. Not until then will the Place of Initiations be revealed, or the real Temple of Light be made manifest both as to its inner lines of force and its outer architectural proportions.



Spiritual attainment is not dependent on intellectual power, nor upon ability to look into the astral or any kind of Light. It is dependent upon heart knowledge alone. This means the feeling and realization of BROTHERHOOD and love for all HUMANITY. It does not mean hating your brother whom you have seen and professing to love what you have not seen. Real brotherhood means action, not sentimentality.



"Psychic idiotic flapdoodles," H. P. B. called them—those who chase moonshine and *ignes fatui* over astral voids and vasty deeps. There is no barrier to real spiritual attainment like the psychic bar. No easier Door to the Light than the simple Door of Brotherhood

W. H. D.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Temple Builders—Lesson 66

THE CHILDREN'S OWN STORIES.

THE TEMPLE OF LIGHT.

I went to a beautiful Temple of light,
 You never have seen such a beautiful white.
 In it are fairies as white as the snow.
 And they are all happy and useful you know.

They clothed me in a robe like the sun,
And by the love fairies it was all spun.
Then they took heart cleanser and made my heart bright,
And the Builders' Star shone forth its wonderful light.

LILLIAN TANQUARY, Denver, Colo.

THE BLUE FLOWER.

Once there was a poor shepherd that took care of a flock of sheep, and on cold days he wished he had a lot of money so he could go in the house.

One morning he was going up the mountain and he stopped and began to sing. Pretty soon he saw a beautiful flower just as if the dew from the June sky had fallen upon it.

As he was picking up the slender stem he saw a door in the mountains and he went down. It led to the mountains but it was a dark narrow path.

He went along and pretty soon came to a beautiful hall all filled with chests and there sat an old man in a chair by a table.

He was old and his face was wrinkled but his eyes were bright and kind. He wore a black pointed hat and he had long white whiskers.

The man said, "Take all you want, but don't forget the best."

So the shepherd laid his flower down on the table and began to take the bright diamonds and shining gold.

Again the man said, "Don't forget the best."

So the shepherd began taking the largest pieces of gold and diamonds. Then he took off his hat and began taking more. When he began to go he found he could hardly walk it was so heavy.

Then the old man said again, "Don't forget to take the best."

Then the shepherd went up and was going home when he looked back and saw that the door was not there.

He had forgotten all about his flower, that was the flower key that opened the door.

He then felt his pockets getting lighter, and his bright diamonds and shining gold all turned to leaves, stones and pebbles.

He was poorer than ever.

MINA KELLER, Syracuse, N. Y.

TEMPLE BUILDERS.

Temple Builders gathered here,
Studying with right good cheer;
Learning jolly lessons, O!
Singing songs and playing O!
Finding sunshine everywhere,
Earth and Water, Fire and Air,
Love and Sunshine are the same,
Temple Builders is our name.

MARGARET AND MOTHER PARSONS, Syracuse, N. Y.

Ernest Meister, of Meriden, Conn., writes, "Mamma says if we always do what is right and listen to our conscience, and show a good example, we will soon have more Temple Builders.

We go out in the country most every Sunday to learn Nature's laws. We have very interesting lessons every Sunday.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL CHILD.

The earth outside is like a nut,
And inside full of flame;
They say it's like an orange, but
It doesn't taste the same.

The Arctic circle is a swing
That teacher makes with chalk;
It's not a very pleasant thing
To go there for a walk.

Volcanoes vomit melted stone
And ashes blazing hot;
It seems to me I'd hate to own
A stomach like they've got.

The sea is water by the sand,
And very seldom dry;
It looks like blueing water, and
It tastes like when you cry.

A valley is a streak of land
That's something like a trough,

And if you get it on your hand
You have to wash it off.

Why France is buff and 'Russia blue,
Nobody knows, perhaps;
But any one can see it's true
By looking on the maps.

Geography, geography is such a pleasant study,
It tells you why the ocean's dry,
And why the desert's muddy.

I study it at morning and at afternoon, and then
I keep the teacher in that I may study it again.

E. V. COOKE.

CONVENTION ECHOES.

The following taken from letters read at the recent Convention are given space in this October ARTISAN as it was not possible to include them with the September issue. Both Mrs. Munday and Mrs. Myers are warriors of the Old Temple Guard and were called by the Master to help found the Temple in the East ten years ago:

To the Members of the Temple of the People in Convention assembled.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Again it is my privilege to send you hearty greeting. I am sure we all feel joy and encouragement in the knowledge that through the terrible stress and strain of the year just passed, The Temple of the People, stands to-day on a surer footing, a more staunch and earnest endeavor, than ever before, and the trials and suffering have had the effect of binding together the hearts of its true and loyal members, cementing them more closely in the bonds of true Brotherhood, and we are ready to start another year with our armor clean and bright, ready to meet and conquer whatever foes we may encounter on the way. I think most of us have come to realize the fact that the Great Cosmic Key-note has been raised to a more rapid rate of vibration affecting all manifested things. The Great Law is separating, classifying, and adjusting this vibration to meet the conditions of life everywhere, thus "raising the pulse of the Cosmic Heart"; and if humanity are able to lay hold of their opportunities and rise to a higher rate of development, they will shortly find that the dark forces of life have less power over

them. But in making the effort to adjust themselves to these new conditions and feel at home in them, owing to the quickened impulses in man in his mad rush to find his equilibrium, he is liable to be led astray and succumb to the dark forces of life. Being part and parcel of the whole, these higher vibrations affect him on all planes of his being, Spiritually, Mentally, and Physically; and as the forces controlling these more rapid vibrations are much stronger because more rapid they act upon the weaker part of man's nature where there is less resisting power, drawing him away into by and forbidden paths which to my mind accounts for the seeming increase of crime and death in the world to-day. As we look the world over, we see the effects of this because man's lower nature is roused past the ordinary power of control and so must give way under the greater pressure; causing them to commit actions which, under ordinary conditions of their past lives, would never have been thought of. So in our Temple work; it seems absolute selfishness and treachery to persist in any course of action which must hinder or obstruct the cause we are aiming to support. If we carry this argument into the realm of disease we find that those who cannot assimilate these higher vibrations become nervous wrecks and finally succumb and pass out of the body. Physicians note these changes; they will tell you that "times have changed," and that medical science is trying to evolve newer and better methods to meet these changes, but they hardly realize the cause lies in the fact that the world is compelling them to find remedies to meet this change in the condition of the physical body. We are passing *In* not *Out* of life, we are finding there is more to us than mere physical existence. When the Mind of man is able to adjust itself to these higher requirements it will aid and assist the body through its atoms and molecules to adapt *themselves* to the new spiritual conditions. It will require great strength of character to rise up to these new possibilities, but it can only be accomplished through the blending of the human will with the Divine or Spiritual Will; thus establishing a healthy condition of mind and body through which the "forces of Love and Law and Life" can flow unobstructed, thus enabling man to lay hold of that "Spiritual Essence which shall make him FREE." All through the Temple teachings the Master has been trying to point out the way, and prepare the members to meet these great Cosmic changes. Those who have listened and obeyed the Instructions will have received help; but those who could not wait to see the great plan unfold have become discouraged and turned back; while others not satis-

fied to control their ambitions and watch and wait until the proper cycle rolled round, have spent their time in belittling and criticising those whom the Master has appointed to carry out the work. But it is no use for such to pit their puny strength or desires against Evolutionary Law for they can accomplish nothing. They may obstruct and perhaps hinder the work, but at the same time they are hindering their own advancement, which it will take ages to regain. I would say to such: stop where you are; find the true life in yourselves; adjust your life to the new harmony; and throw aside selfish desire and ambition, for no man can ever hope to attain to spiritual place or power until he has won the same through renunciation, sacrifice, OBEDIENCE, and true HUMILITY. How many of us are willing to "Let go" of our Gods, our life, our possessions, our friends, as our Master has told us, and through *honest*, sincere desire, tune our lives to the new key-note of "loving our neighbor as OURSELVES," which means "doing unto others as ye would that they should DO unto YOU," remembering that the Law "Whatsoever a MAN SOWETH, THAT shall he also REAP," is IRREVOCABLE; when I say we have made these conditions the LAW of our life, we shall find that we have raised ourselves to a higher key-note.

How many of us are ready to sacrifice "all we have, and all we are" to the service of the Temple and let it become a living exponent of the truth and righteousness we have pledged ourselves to become? Otherwise what is the use of saying "I believe that in me dwelleth every good and perfect spirit," if we show just the opposite in everything we do or say? Let us begin NOW to renew our vows, and express in our lives FAITHFULNESS to the Agents of the Temple, Faithfulness to the Masters, Faithfulness to the Lodge, for only through such faithfulness can we become at home in the higher rate of vibration in which we are now struggling, while the Temple ship is tossed up and down, every board creaking with the strain, every rope of which is held taut, let us rouse ourselves and hold fast to the rudder, keeping our hearts firm in trust and love, and our eyes fixed on the "Light which never fails," so shall we arrive safe in the Harbor and Haven of Eternal peace and harmony.

I pray from the depths of my soul that all your deliberations may be guided and directed by those high vibrations which ARE Love, which ARE Truth, which ARE Harmony.

In love and true devotion, I remain Yours Eternally in the bonds of Brotherhood.

EMILY K. MUNDAY.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters of The Temple in Convention:

Again the great Life Cycle has brought us to the days set apart for the meeting of "loyal souls and true," and again it is not our privilege to be with you.

Written words convey but feebly our interest in The Temple as a whole, and in each member thereof. Would we could be with you and speak face to face.

In the very first issue of THE ARTISAN in 1900 are these words:

"This is the great battle of evolution, the battle between Black and White, in which each soul must take part whether it will, or nay. If your aura is charged with the forces of hate, with evil desires and imaginings, just that much of you belongs to the Brothers of the Shadow, and the Great Disintegrator can at will call on and marshal such forces with hosts of like nature against the power of Good. If, on the other hand, your aura be filled with heart-force, with pure, unselfish love for others, for humanity, the Masters of the White Brotherhood can call to their aid, and use these White Forces for the help of this and other worlds."

And again, "The fundamental law of all manifested life is Brotherhood."

You may remember that Joshua said "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." To each of us comes the great moment of choice as it came to this great soul.

We who have signed the Temple pledge and who have sung the Consecration Hymn, have promised to devote "all we are or hope to be" to the service of Truth, Love, Justice, to the work of the Masters of the White Brotherhood. Each has promised to fill his aura with "heart-force," "with pure unselfish love for others, for humanity." And to his higher self each must give account in a day of judgment. Our earnest desire is that each may be able to render such an account of his stewardship that to him shall be said, "Well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

We have often been told that to the servants of the Great White Brotherhood come growth in all that is most desirable. To such come "peace, joy, long-suffering, self-control, gentleness, goodness, mercy." Such servants can ever climb higher and higher towards the great consciousness of the One oneness of all Life—to the great fact of Brotherhood, towards what has been termed Cosmic Consciousness. Then no more rebirths on the lower planes of Being will be necessary, and that soul can choose to clothe itself, and to work in a purified body for the elevation of his race.

Nothing short of this can satisfy any of God's children; they are ever reaching out to find rest in this great knowledge, as are the particles of steel to rest on a magnet. The God within each of us constantly works to unite with the God without, and so to manifest Himself back to Himself. This to us seems to be the great reason for manifestation.

That each dear Temple child may make this great choice is the constant prayer of your sister,

FRANCES J. MYERS.

ADDITIONAL BOOKS OF INTEREST.

"FROM THE CAVES AND JUNGLES OF HINDUSTAN." By H. P. Blavatsky, has been reprinted. Full of interest, being the reprint of articles originally written by H. P. B. for a Russian magazine of her journeys in India. There is much between the lines of this work for the occult student. Price, \$2.00; cloth.

"THE AWAKENING," by Mabel Collins. An essay, of which the author says "An attempt to make clear to the mind of man the mystic reality which is typified by the daily awakening of the physical senses, and the daily wonder of the dawn." Cloth, 75 cents.

"THEOSOPHY AND HUMAN LIFE," by Annie Besant. Treating of the relation of Theosophy to Religion, Sociology, Politics and Science. Cloth, 75 cents.

"TO THOSE WHO SUFFER," by Aimee Blech. Translated from the French. A helpful book of 95 pages setting forth some of the fundamental teachings of the Wisdom Religion, especially with regard to Karma. Useful for new students and inquirers. Cloth, 50 cents.

Any of the above books may be ordered from the Halcyon Book Concern.

We are glad to give space to the following communication from Bolton Hall, the well known writer on economic problems.

Many persons wish to see "A Little Land and a Living," which is really a more advanced book than "Three Acres and Liberty," who do not wish to invest in it.

You see, not being known as an accurate observer nor as a practical agriculturist when the Macmillans offered to publish the first book, I did not venture to state the whole truth about the profitable possible productiveness of land,—it would have been scoffed at.

For instance, the average crop of strawberries in New Jersey (which with North Carolina is now the great strawberry State) is about three thousand quarts per acre. When I said that eight thousand quarts might easily be raised, people opened their eyes as far as was polite, because they know that many growers have made money and think they have done well with five hundred quarts.

In "A Little Land," however, I felt safe in citing a verified instance of over twenty-four thousand quarts per acre produced commercially on Long Island. The grower claims that he has raised forty-two thousand quarts per acre and that it paid better than the smaller yield.

Now I want people to read that book: So if anyone will enquire for it at all the public libraries within his reach if there are any, does not find it, and will send me the names of the libraries that have not got it, I will lend him (or her) the book sending it by mail and trust to his native honesty (or hers), and to his (or her) interest in others reading it, to return it to me by mail when he (or she) has finished with it or within two months.

BOLTON HALL,

56 Pine Street, New York City.

TEMPLE HOME ASSOCIATION NOTES.

The pottery project is steadily advancing toward material expression. A group of workers have been organized who are now engaged in raising the necessary capital to equip an experimental plant. This group will operate under the name of THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS. Under this plan other industrial phases may be engaged in as circumstances may justify. Any who wish to know more about this project or to render financial or other help should write to Headquarters for information.

Members should not relax in helping the Association branch of the Temple movement as it makes for building up the right material conditions according to the Lodge plan given us—a plan which must ultimately benefit not only every loyal member but build the Centre of Light through which the Great Ones will actively and directly work in the New Cycle for the New Humanity, now being born. All members who can possibly do so should own a membership in the Association, and so not only help to that extent financially but also add their moral and inner force to that phase of the Temple work.

The Halcyon Clarion is meeting with general favor and is doing good work. The matter in the *Clarion* is designed more especially for local conditions consisting of items and news that could not be given space in THE ARTISAN. Members who feel they would like to keep *en rapport* with the local conditions at the Centre will find the *Clarion* just what they want. The *Clarion* is printed regularly and issued on the first of each month. Price per year, \$1.00. Address *The Clarion*, Halcyon, Cal.

The Temple Home Association is offering four acres of orchard land above Arroyo Grande for sale. In addition to the apples and pears on this land last spring, fifty walnut trees five years along were set out. The land is of the finest and has water rights that go with it. Price \$3,000.

IMPORTANT!

All friends and comrades who are keeping up with current affairs, especially in land values, know something of the rapid advance in all real estate on the California coast, within the last few years. Much land is changing hands and large sections are being sold for various purposes, and more recently such sections are being planted to eucalyptus groves which will take eight to ten years to fully develop, but which are expected to yield large returns owing to the scarcity of wood in Central and Lower California. This shows the confidence of the people in even the poorer qualities of land of this state and the better qualities increase rapidly in value. We refer to this particularly at this time it being one of the "straws that show which way the wind blows" in the line of safe real estate investments and to urge any of our members who have money lying idle or at very low rates of interest to help us to obtain more land that is so much needed by us, and at the same time, make their own interests secure; and especially would we urge those who are in a position to do so to take up those of our mortgages that are in the hands of outside people.

These are first class investments being first mortgages on improved property and if they can be secured by members at a rate of interest which would make it possible for us to use the difference in securing more land while it is yet possible, it would be to the great advantage of all concerned.

The above means especially at this time, that if any member has money to loan the Association at four or five per cent interest.

it can pay off mortgage indebtedness which it is now paying larger interest on and give the member the mortgage instead. Any mortgage of this sort will be first class and the land securing it worth several times the amount of any mortgage put upon it. The Association, in other words, is making every endeavor to reduce its annual interest, and if this can be reduced to the minimum the whole work receives great benefit. Any members able to help in this way, which means making a safe and interest-bearing investment should write the Centre for particulars.

GUARDIAN-IN-CHIEF.

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES.

Mr. F. Marion Campbell, of San Francisco, was at the Centre during September looking over the ground on the pottery idea. Mr. Campbell represented the group of people in the northern part of the state who have this project especially in hand. Mr. Campbell was certain that the Centre possessed fine opportunities for industrial and business success along various lines. More anon.

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Brother Moss, of Stanford University, Palo Alto, spent "between trains" during the past month. Brother Moss will come again.

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William W. Kent has been appointed to fill the position of Temple Scribe since the passing of Brother Harris from this plane. In the future all correspondence relative to the Scribe's office should be addressed to William W. Kent.

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Sister Ida J. Wilkins left on October 1st for a trip across the continent. She will visit all possible Temple Squares and members en route east and returning, and on the Atlantic side spend a month or more in doing Temple work. The trip will probably take about three months.

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The subjects considered by the Temple Builders during the past month at the meetings held in Hiawatha Hall were: "Loye Ye One Another"; "Words of Force"; "The Rheingold"; and "The Vow of Poverty."

For Temple Dues and Helping Hand contributions, make money orders payable to Jane W. Kent, Treasurer.

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For Membership Certificates and Investment Certificates in the Temple Home Association, and for all payments thereon, make money orders payable to the Temple Home Association.

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It is requested, that in all cases of changes of address, SPECIAL NOTICE (separate) be promptly sent to the Temple Scribe, by letter or postal card. If this direction is not carefully complied with, or if such changes are mentioned in any other method of correspondence, the desired result may not be secured.

TEMPLE SCRIBE.

IN MEMORIAM.

On the morning of the 30th of August Charles L. Harris passed from this plane of action after an illness of seven months at the Halcyon Sanatorium. The cause of death was a chronic and incurable liver ailment. Mr. Harris was 68 years of age and has been living in this section since 1903, coming to the Pacific Coast with other Temple members at that time to help start the work in this section.

Mr. Harris was born in Albany, N. Y. Was educated there and has all his life done clerical work. During the Civil War he occupied clerical secretarial positions in the United States navy and at that time was with one of the U. S. N. vessels on an extended cruise to European waters and cities. Burial was held under the impressive Temple funeral services. Interment was in the Temple cemetery.

Though Brother Harris is temporarily removed from this plane of action, his soul is marching on under the protection of the Great Lodge and in his inner body will continue to serve in even greater activity in the Sacred Temple work which was so dear to his heart and than which to him nothing was more important, soul inspiring and worth while. Let all Templars hail this devoted brother as he starts his work on the inner realms.

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